BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. R2001-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE (OCA/USPS-74)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-74, filed on October 17, 2001. The Postal Service filed an objection on October 30, 2001. Subsequently, the OCA and the Postal Service were able to reach a compromise solution, and the Postal Service is thus providing the attached response. Both the OCA and the Postal Service have agreed that this answer will be deemed responsive to the OCA's initial interrogatory. The OCA, however, reserves its right to follow up on the response and the Postal Service reserves its right to object to any such follow ups.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-74. Express Mail Label 11B (reverse side) contains the statement: "consult your local Express Mail directory for noon and 3:00 PM delivery areas. . . ." Please provide a copy of the master directory for Express Mail for all ZIP Code pairs, indicating whether noon, 3 p.m., or second-day service is available. Additionally, provide the master directory in a format that expresses the ZIP Code pairs as "city, state" and/or "town, state" pairs.

RESPONSE:

For FY2001, 48.43 percent of total Express Mail volume was accepted for overnight/noon delivery, 30.09 percent for overnight/3:00 p.m. delivery, and 21.48 percent for two-day delivery. These figures do not include Express Mail Custom Designed service volumes, nor do they indicate whether the mail achieved the applicable level of service.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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